

POLITICS IN ENGLAND

BRITAIN NO LONGER MISTRESS OF THE SEAS.

The Divided Liberals—The Queen's Nest Demand of the Commons—Kosuth Dangerously ill—France's Penal Colony.

London, Jan. 5.—The beginning of the year finds the Liberal party divided into three factions—the Radicals with the surly Mr. Chamberlain and the alert Mr. Labouchere leading the cause of Liberals with Mr. Gladstone, who is daily more and more upon the side of the cautious Liberals with an aristocratic connection, fearing the too advanced projects of the other two. Few doubt that the year will close without a new election, by which the democrats will gain more than the Conservatives and a small majority. The indictment just filed by 14 members against the Ministry has many counts, and worse than crimes are said to be the blunders. The general count is one of humiliation—that is to say, to the third and fourth powers, to the entire world. There is one option, however, with 40,000 able-bodied men out of employment in London alone. There is one for allowing the people of England to have a right of self-government, for losing all the British colonies for realization, what Gladstone's speech of 1878 against the Berlin Treaty foreshadowed, called "moral bankruptcy," and a final count for drawing the sword for the Khilive. In India, there is a demand for a general war with France as it was planned by Bismarck as Mephistopheles. All Liberals who are large property owners will leave Mr. Gladstone at the next election, because they are alarmed at his policy. The National Liberal Club will demand how the great National Liberal Club will speak on February 25, which is the banquet day announced to celebrate Lord Ripon's return from India. The Earl of Derby is strong.

The Queen's demand by the Queen upon her faithful Commons will be for a dowry of \$150,000 for her daughter, Princess Beatrice, upon the latter's marriage to Prince Henry of Battenberg, a sum of \$150,000 for the dowry of a commoner character. The prospect of this demand is said to explain the willingness of the Prince of Wales to abandon his claim for an allowance for his education. The dower appropriation, however, is not likely to be passed in Parliament without opposition.

The latest advices from New show that there was some excuse for the report of the death of Louis Kosuth, which was cable all over the world on the 17th ultimo. The best expert pathologist in New York has been frequent onomatopoeia spells. While he was in one of these spells it was supposed he was dead, and a report to that effect was quickly circulated. He is still very low, and his recovery is exceedingly slow.

FRANCE'S PENAL COLONY.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—Lord Lyons, British Ambassador at Paris, has asked Prime Minister Ferry whether the report of the Governor of New Caledonia that the French had annexed New Hebrides Islands forms a sufficient element for the world class of convicts has the approval of France. England bases upon the maintenance of the independence of the Islands. The Paris papers are adverse of the annexation. The Gaulois says if Prince Morny's Party acts with promptness and firmness England will submit.

The Times cautions the colonial policy of Prince Bismarck. It says, "It will provide an outlet for the surplus population of Germany and for German trade and enterprise."

STEAMER ASHORE.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5.—A report reached here that an American Liner steamer from Philadelphia to Liverpool was captured at Hellevoetsluis, between Ostend and Liverpool. A dispatch received from Hellevoetsluis states that the steamer which was captured was a New York and British steamer. She was gotten off with little damage and proceeded on her way.

LABOR'S STRUGGLES.

International Connecticut Cutters—Inches of the Springfield Watch Factory.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Jan. 5.—The striking haters have issued another address to the public, denying the accuracy of the statement put forth by the four firms comprising the International Cutters, that the cost of their wages have been gradually decreased during the past seven years, and they declare that the plea that the combination wished to make equal prices for the same class of work is untrue. The address concludes as follows: "While we are to be maintained until the right prevail, we have no quarrel with our former employers, but we can not consent to be blotted out from the list of the International Cutters."

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 3.—The Illinois watch factory of this city has notified its employees that it will in future run eight hours per day until further notice. The factory employs about 600 hands and the fear prevails that it will soon be obliged to close down for an indefinite period.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. 5.—Information has just leaked out of a supposed attempt to assassinate Colonel James Duffy, of Marietta, this county, on Tuesday, and owing to the Colonel's proximity, has excited a good deal of commotion. On Tuesday night, a bullet was heard in front of the Colonel's mansion, and at that instant a 34-calibre bullet crashed through the window above a crib in which lay the Colonel's infant child. The bullet struck the child's head, passed through it, and fell dead on the floor. The affair has been kept quiet in the hope of some solution.

Beecher Vigorous at Seventy-two.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—At the Plymouth Church, John D. Beecher, at the age of 72, last evening, Mr. Beecher expressed in an emphatic manner his sorrow that the meetings recently held had not been well attended and that therefore we were conspicuously absent. He said that although we were not better than we used to be, still we were better than now; that he has never been better equipped physically and mentally to perform his duties as pastor.

Canadian Business Troubles.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The wholesale hardware trade of the Dominion is surprised by the failure of the two oldest houses in the trade, John Ross & Co., Montreal, and L. L. Lantell & Co., Quebec. Both houses are believed to have business connections, and the combined liabilities will probably reach \$300,000. Phillips & Co. are successors to Elliott, Lantell & Co., who retired with a large fortune.

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